

City of Muskegon
City Commission
Special Meeting
March 29, 2005
City Hall
Commission Chambers

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Warmington at 5:31 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Larson, Commissioners Carter, Davis, Gawron, Shepherd and Spataro.

FARMER'S MARKET RELOCATION

Commissioners discussed the agenda item and commented on the options. Many of the public in attendance spoke on the relocation of the market and indicated suggestions for updating the existing market and what they would like to see in a new market. The suggestions were as follows:

- Larger stalls
- Covered stalls with open sides
- Good road access
- Wind and rain protection
- Bigger and Better
- Offer items you can't get at a regular store
- Year around with indoor and outdoor
- Water
- Restroom updates
- Dumpster
- Lights and electric outlets
- New hours
- Picnic Tables
- Restaurant
- Fish and Meat Market
- Directions and signs to the market
- Prefer Terrace lots if moved
- Many entrances to the market, not just one
- Wind break
- Committee to work out details
- Music / band shell
- Refrigeration/carts/area
- Luncheon type of set up available
- European direction with city marketplace and not just food
- Public Transportation available to market

- Public/Private partnership for location
- A building for specialty items
- Covered but still be an open market
- Move once only to a permanent site
- Parking available
- ADA compliance
- Heat from above in booths
- Permanent tables
- Marketing and Public Relations on the market
- Open air market
- Ethnic market
- Display ads – weekly
- Clippings – weekly
- Need marketing for this year
- Website updates weekly on what is in season
- Continuous maintenance on buildings
- Public Service announcements on radio and TV now
- Flyers with seasons and foods available
- Signage showing how to get to the market
- Existing site needs new asphalt
- Existing market is sinking
- Existing market has drainage issues
- Existing market needs buildings Updated
- Size of trucks are larger so need larger spots available
- Existing site has parking issues
- Stink Creek smells at existing site
- Existing site needs major updating = major costs
- Help with slow days of Tuesday and Thursday.

Commissioners asked that questionnaires be sent to vendors who may not want to get up in public to speak to get their input.

A sign up sheet was passed around to have those interested in being considered for the Farmer's Market Committee to sign. Commission will assign individuals at their Community Relations Committee meeting on April 4, 2005.

The special meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail A. Kunding, MMC
City Clerk